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Durham, North Carolina  
March 31, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Amendment Transmittal

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application, responsive to an Office Action dated December 2, 2003.

**FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

2. ☒ [ X ] No additional fee is required.  
☐ [ ] The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

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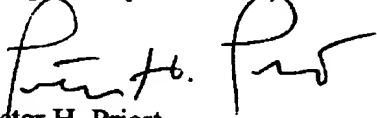
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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	17	-	73	0	x \$9.00	=	0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	13	0	x \$43.00	=	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	0	-	0	0	x \$145.00	=	0.00
TOTAL							\$0.00

3. [ X ] Charge the fee of \$55.00 for a 1 month extension of time to Law Offices of Peter H. Priest **Deposit Account No. 50-1058**. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED. This letter petitions for a 1 month extension of time to respond.
4. [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, including any fee for extension of time or credit any overpayment to Law Offices of Peter H. Priest **Deposit Account No. 50-1058**. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,



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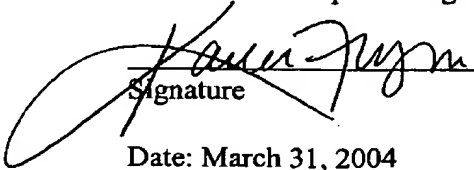
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1. Amendment Transmittal (2 pages, in duplicate)
2. Amendment (16 pages)

Karen S. Flynn

Printed name of person signing

  
Signature

Date: March 31, 2004